

## Saint Maarten

We are looking forward to our stay in Philipsburg, St Maarten, and have offered to be couriers on an excursion around the island. St Maarten is ruled by two countries - France and Holland - and our tour will take us through both sides of the island.

As the Braemar approaches the dock in Philipsburg, the captain makes an announcement over the ships address system. Apparently the port pilot is not able to take our ship into port because of the swell left by Hurricane Tomos, and our captain decides to press on to the next port of call - Tortola. We will arrive there at around 6pm and stay there overnight.